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> A little lead colored steamer, drawing no more than nine feet of water when loaded, lay at a pier near Coenties slip. People familiar with shipping would have said at a glance that she was in the fruit or some such trade to the Spanish main on account of her size and looks. A gang of men were lifting bushel baskets full of coconnits over the low hatch combing amidships and sliding them along greasy planks toward another gang of men on the pier. These men lifted the baskets up on to the low tables made of planks laid on top of cheap barrels. Three basicets could be accommodated at one time on each of the two tables. A man before each basket picked the nuts up, one in each hand, and knocked them together lightly, and then either tossed them into a big coarse bag which a man held open before the table or tossed them to a heap on the pier.

Those thrown to the pier were spailed more or less, some of them being so far decayed as to break open. Those thrown into the lags were sound. The light tap told the quality of the nut to the inspector. Each bag held 100, and soon as filled it was drawn to one side and had its mouth sewed up by a man who used a needle nine inches long and soft jute twino for thread. Other men gathered the spoiled nuts into bags and loaded them into a covered wagon that had nothing painted on it to indicate its ownership. A reporter who watched the men found that from five to seven nuts were rejected for every bag that was filled. One of the workers, although kept busy either passing along the full bus-kets or the empty ones back, found time to He said:

"This vessel brought 75,000 of the nuts from Baracoa. We began on them at 7 o'clock this morning, and will have them all out by 3 o'clock. We are paid by the hour at 'long-shoremen's rates. The boss took the contract to discharge this cargo at sixty cents per 1,000.

THE SPOILED ONES. "What is done with the spoiled ones?" "They are sold to that man (indicating a man by the unmarked wagon). He is a baker and confectioner. He says they make a better and cheaper fire than coal. Rather curious, though, that only betters and confectioners should have learned what good fuel they are,"

The nats were stowed loose in the hold of the vessel, with nothing to keep them from shifting in case the steamer got a heavy lurch during a gale on her way to port. A

"We import from 13,009,000 to 15,009,000 coconnuts a year. On an average 71/2 per cent. of them spoil on the way. About o half of them come from Baracoa. San Blas is the next port of consequence. The little steamers are driving the schooners out of the business, although the heat of the engine rooms is detrimental to the nuts. Six years ago there was not a single steamer in the Baracoa trade. In 1881 there were 151 schooner cargoes brought here from Baracoa. In 1882 there were five steamer cargoes brought-all American. The schooner cargoes rose to 221 in 1883, besides 14 Yankee eamer cargoes. The next year the British tramp entered the trade and in two years cut the schooner cargoes to 48, while the number of steam tramp cargoes rose to 94. The Yankee steamers barely held their own with le cargoes. It is a case of the survival of the fittest. The fact is, the steamers, although flying the British flag, are in great part wned by American capital. Cocoanuts at Baracoa cost two cents each, delivered on board the steamer free. There is very little freighting done, the steamers and cargoes be longing usually to the firms engaged in the trade."—New York Sun.

"I had an engagement while in an eastern city to visit the theatre with Miss Neilson, who was not playing at the time. I had secured a private box, where she could sit unobserved and enjoy the pleasure, somewhat rare to her, of witnessing the efforts of some other artists. I knew her well, but was not aware of this organic weakness, and was, therefore, somewhat perturbed when she spoke about it and by way of precaution asked me in case she became sick and speechless, simply to give her a good shaking and she would be all right in a moment. You may imagine that the possibility of such an occurrence did not add materially to my comfort, but, of course, the poor girl could not take the chance of having such a turn when in com-pany with one who hadn't the remotest idea what to do for her, and I couldn't blame her for guarding against any fatal results as well

For the next 60 days, as stock "I think she must have had a premonition of trouble that night, for, sure enough, when the play was about half over, she attracted my attention by some slight movement, and I saw at once that the trouble she feared was upon her. Half terrifled out of my wits, I still had sufficient presence of mind to follow the directions, previously given, and in a mo-SANTA FE BAKERY ment had the satisfaction of bearing her speak. The incident was not observed by the Is the Place to get Everything Kept in a audience, as the box curtains hid us from view, and the trouble was over quicker than it can be described, but I can assure you I have been thankful a thousand times that I 144 MAIN STREET had been advised what to do in that moment of terror. From that circumstance I have evolved my own theory in regard to the real cause of Miss Neilson's death. It was reported at the time that the poor deal Juliet had taken poison, as Shakespeare's Julies was supposed to have done ages before. To me, however, it seems probable that the tired heart had stopped short, as it bid often tried to do before, and this time no one was at hand who knew her disposition or the danger that constantly bung over her. I don't know whether any of these statements were ever printed before or not, but I do know that what I have stated as my own experience is true."-Chicago Herald Interview.

England's Bread and Coffee

"How did you find the cooking."
"Well, it was all very good except the bread. Englishmen like their trend tough, like a bit of crost. I don't. Now broad and butter and coffee are my strong bold in the eating line and with them I can defy hunger, Everything Kept in a First-Class but there isn't a lotel in all England, from Brighton at the north to the tip end of the Duke of Sutherland's estate, where they know how to make a decent loaf of bread or a paistable cup of coffee. The coffee in the hotels was simply outrageous. They are all very kind and would send out to buy the very lest coffee purchasable and do everything in their power, but it wasn't in their power to make good coffee. I couldn't drink it. I was fortunate enough to buy a peru-Contractor and Builder harly constructed pot in Glasgow and also to get some very excellent coffee, so that every day my wife made my coffee for me, and the relief was much greater than I can explain."

Blow Out the Light. The Salvation Army in Portland, Ore., held service in the jail there on a recent Sunday, and the leader told such a startling story of his wickedness before he joined the army that, efter the performance was over, one the convicts said: "The lamp can now be extinguished; the vilest sinner has returned."-

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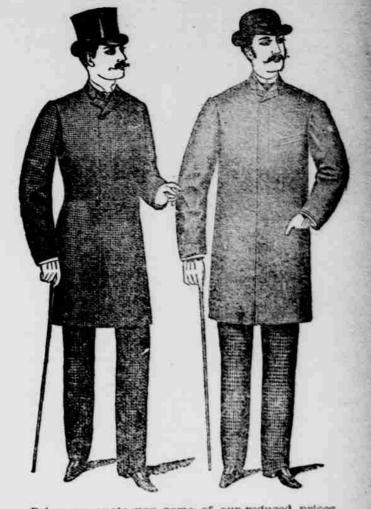
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